

William Henry Seward.

Another of America's most honored citizens and greatest statesmen has been called from time, gone to his grave full of years after a lifetime spent in the service of his country, leaving a name behind that shall endure so long as a written history of the United States has an existence. Few names are there either in America or Europe more familiar as a statesman, than that which heads this article. In America it is a household word, our subject having been for nearly half a century closely identified with the history of the country as a lawyer, a statesman, a patriot, and a philanthropist. When such a man is gathered home it is but meet and proper that the occasion should be marked by something more than an ordinary paragraph simply announcing the fact. We therefore purpose to lay before our readers this morning a few of the leading facts connected with the history of this great and good man. William Henry Seward was born in Florida, Orange Co., New York, May 16, 1801, so at the time of his death was in his 72nd year. His father, Samuel Seward, was a physician, and combined with his profession a large mercantile business, by which he amassed a fortune. At 23 years of age, having been admitted to the bar, he took up his residence in Auburn, where he formed a partnership with Judge Miller, whose youngest daughter he married in 1824. In 1830 he was for the first time elected to the New York Senate, and among the measures which he advocated were those relating to internal improvements, education, the abolition of imprisonment for debt, and the improvement and amelioration of prison discipline. In 1838 he was elected Governor of New York State, and entered upon the duties of his office in 1839. Among the measures to which he early directed his attention were the extension of public education, the enlargement of the Erie Canal, and the removal of the legal disabilities imposed on foreigners. Imprisonment for debt was entirely abolished, and every vestige of slavery was cleared from the statute books while he was Governor. He discharged the duties of Governor for two terms, and retiring from office he again resumed the practice of law, first in the courts in his own State, and afterwards in the courts of the United States, where he acquired a lucrative practice. In 1848 Mr. Seward took an active part in the election of General Taylor to the Presidential chair, and in 1849 was elected to the United States Senate. Gen. Taylor chose him as one of his confidential friends and advisers, and he soon came to be regarded as the leader of the administration party. A violent contest in Congress immediately commenced on the question of slavery. Mr. Seward avowed a determination to make no further concessions to the slave power, and was denounced as a seditious and dangerous agitator. In a speech on the admission of California into the Union, March 11, 1850, he used the following language: "It is true, indeed, that the national domain is ours. It is true, it was acquired by the valor and with the wealth of the whole nation. But we hold, nevertheless, no arbitrary power over it. We hold no arbitrary authority over anything, whether acquired lawfully or seized by usurpation. The constitution regulates our stewardship; the constitution devotes the domain to union, to justice, to defence, to welfare, and to liberty. But there is a higher law than the constitution which regulates our authority over the domain, and devotes it to the same noble purpose. The territory is a part, no inconsiderable part, of the common heritage of mankind, bestowed upon them by the Creator of the universe. We are his stewards, and we must so discharge our trust as to secure to the highest attainable degree their happiness." Besides his speeches on the compromises of 1850, he delivered others equally elaborate on the commercial and industrial relations of the country upon the Pacific railroad, the public lands, mail steamers, American fisheries, the tariff, ocean telegraph, etc. During the recess of the Senate in 1858 he made an election speech at Rochester, in which, after alluding to the constant collision between the systems of free and slave labor in the United States, he said: "Shall I tell you what this collision means? They who think that it is accidental, unnecessary, the work of interested or fanatical agitators, and therefore ephemeral, mistake the case altogether. It is an irrepressible conflict between opposing and enduring forces, and it means that the United States must and will, sooner or later, become either entirely a slaveholding nation, or entirely a free-labor nation." The great southern secession of 1860-61 plainly revealing itself during the last session of the 36th Congress, Mr. Seward in the Senate expressed his views on the state of the Union in two speeches, in which he said: "I avow my adherence to the Union with my friends, with my party, with my State, or without either, as they may determine; in every event of peace or of war, with every consequence of honor or dishonor, of life or of death." He declared also in conclusion: "I certainly shall never directly or indirectly give my vote to establish or sanction slavery in the common territories of the United States, or anywhere else in the world." In 1860 Mr. Seward was nominated as a candidate for the Presidency by a large portion of the Republican party. In the convention, on the first ballot he received 113 votes, Mr. Lincoln the next highest, 103—necessary for a choice, 233. On the final ballot Mr. Lincoln was nominated, when Mr. Seward promptly supported the nomination, and during the canvass made a tour through the Western States, in nearly all of which he delivered speeches, and was everywhere received in an enthusiastic manner. The election having resulted in the success of the Republican party, Mr. Lincoln tendered the chief place in his Cabinet to Mr. Seward, and on March 4th, 1861, he entered upon his duties as

Secretary of State for the United States, which office he held throughout the memorable conflict between the North and South, until peace was fully restored. The base conspiracy which resulted in the assassination of President Lincoln also well nigh deprived the Government at that critical moment of the valued services of Mr. Seward, at whose heart the murderous dagger was aimed, but who almost miraculously escaped from the hand of the would-be destroyer. After his retirement from office in 1868, Mr. Seward visited the Pacific Coast, and everywhere, not excepting our own city, met with a princely reception. Subsequently he travelled extensively through Asia and Europe, and arrived at home toward the close of last year. Since then he has taken no prominent part in public affairs, his time being occupied in the preparation of a history of his recent travels. The telegraph informs us that he died suddenly. Like a shock of corn ripe for the harvest, he has been cut down. Revered at home and honored abroad; the name of William H. Seward will constitute a bright page in the history of America's greatest and noblest sons.

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Card of Thanks.

THE UNDERSIGNED RECEIVES HIS thanks and hearty thanks to the Fire Department of Victoria and the citizens generally for the valuable and disinterested aid extended him on Saturday morning at the fire.

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TENDERS will be received until 4 P.M. on WEDNESDAY, 10th inst., for the undermentioned works:
1. Repairing and Rebuilding Cottages, Pandora Street.
2. Removing and altering House in View Street.
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Victoria, October 11th, 1872.

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will take place on Saturday, the 15th of October, 1872, on Mr. Edwin John's ground opposite St. Ring's Church, near the wharf.

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ALEX. ANDERSON.

Secretary.

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PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

October, 9th, 1872.

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR directs

the following extract from a report addressed to the Provincial Engineer, by T. A. Bulley, Esq., Chief Engineer, upon the comparative advantages offered by "Lang Cove" and "Thetis Cove," as alternative sites for the proposed graving Dock at Esquimalt, to be published for the information of the public generally.

By Command,

A. ROCKE ROBERTSON,

Provincial Secretary.

"In originally selecting Thetis Cove, I was entirely unbiased. I was aware that "Lang" Cove (or more accurately, "Lang") Cove had been mentioned, though I did not know it had been so strongly recommended as I have since ascertained was the case. And I still hold to my opinion as to "Thetis Cove" being the site, as regards economy and facility of construction, and as being more sheltered and, consequently, easier of access.

Being anxious, however, to place before Government something more than my own bare opinion in this matter, and acting upon a suggestion of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to submit a comparative statement of the cost of Dock in alternative site.

Now, although the cost of actual construction of the Dock itself may be as the same in either place, there are several variable items in connection with the work which will considerably affect the total cost.

Among these the following are the most important:—

1. "Offerdam," or the cost of excluding Sea Waters during construction.

2. "Excavation for foundations."

3. "Purchase of necessary Land."

Wherever the Dock is located, in order to make it complete, it will be necessary to fill in round the sides and back, to, at least, 3 feet above high water. We have, therefore,

4. "Reclamation round Dock."

Arranged in the shape of a Debit and Credit account the comparative cost will be as follows:

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